

EDIBLE BIRDS' NESTS.

The Way They Are Gathered by the Dyaks in Borneo.

Edible birds' nests are found in the clefts of rocks or in underground caves which are frequently of great extent. John MacGregor in writing of a bird nesting experience he had in Borneo says: "Off we went with about a dozen Dyaks, as the little bronze aborigines of this part of Borneo are called, for guides. The entrance to the cave was so small and so elevated that I had some little difficulty in reaching it. After we had traveled for some distance we came across the inevitable stream. The ground, which was to a great extent composed of the bed of the stream, was rough and irregular. We were lighted on our way by torches carried by our Dyak guides. At last we came to a passage that seemed a veritable eye of a needle, so hard it was to enter, for it looked so narrow and confined that I despaired of ever getting through it. When I fairly got squeezed into the breach I could force myself neither upward nor downward—for that was the direction of the passage—and there I was, suspended like Mohammed's coffin or a trussed fowl. By dint of wriggling, however, I at last found myself on the top of the passage, minus a certain amount of skin and some buttons from my tight fitting khaki coat.

"Still on we jogged for the best part of a mile, when, lo and behold, the caves in which the birds were breeding and which were to be the limits of our underground wanderings! A faint glimmer of light could be seen through a rift in the rocks far above us, and it was through this small rift, which was a sealed passage even to the Dyaks themselves, that the birds passed in their journeys to and from their nesting grounds. Our arrival, of course, disturbed whatever birds were there, and they disappeared as best they could. And there, for a time, we watched the Dyaks going through their gymnastics of robbing the birds' nests, with their ropes and long poles creeping along the high ridges and ledges in the lurid light of the torches like unearthly specters.

"These peculiar nests are built by a species of swallow. The nests consist of shallow, cup shaped cavities, truncated at one side, where they are attached to the rocks like brackets to a wall, and forming something like a two-thirds segment of a circle. It is not always easy to get at them, as they are sometimes glued to the perpendicular sides of the solid rocks high overhead, so that the nest hunters have to scale these crags with ropes and poles to get at them. In substance they consist of an elastic, semitransparent, mucilaginous material, which is said to be a secretion, or macerated food, from the crops of the birds themselves.

"As robbing these nests for commercial purposes forms a part of the Dyaks' means of livelihood, the birds have frequently to build twice or even three times during the season before they are able to hatch their offspring, and it is noted that each successive crop of nests deteriorates in both construction and composition. The nests built at the beginning of the season are bright and transparent and are consequently known on the market as 'white nests,' but when they are robbed the next crop is not nearly so pure in substance."

In the Sickroom.
In a sickroom open the door promptly without rattling the handle.

Walk in quietly, but do not take ostentatious care to glide in absolute silence. Don't pause and murmur inquiries to the nurse, but go straight to the bed and speak in a clearly audible, everyday tone to the patient.

Choose topics of interest that will entertain without being exciting, leaving a few new ideas with your invalid as food for pleasant reflection after your leave taking, and making only a passing reference to the present malady. Look as fresh and pretty as the power in you lies, and thereby act as an unconscious tonic to your friend. Avoid any article of dress that jingles or rattles.

Having risen to say goodby, go instantly without lingering over last words or pouring forth exaggerated condolences and hopes.

The House of Lords.
The house of lords was composed chiefly of clerics until the time of Edward III. Thus in 1295 the peers were ninety spiritual and forty-nine lay members, including twenty archbishops and bishops, sixty-seven abbots and priors and three masters of orders. Many clerical dignitaries summoned did not attend at Westminster, refusing to recognize the authority of parliament over their own convocations of Canterbury and York. It was partly from this cause that the lords spiritual decreased in number until early in the reign of Edward III. The upper house consisted of eighty-six lay and only forty-five clerical peers, while during Elizabeth's parliament there were forty-three and twenty-six respectively.—London Standard.

The Rate of Human Growth.
"We grow at a uniform rate," said a physician. "There are rules of growth that unconsciously we all obey. Take the average man. He grows as follows: 'First year, eight inches; second year, six inches; third year, five inches; fourth year, four inches; fifth year, four inches; sixth year, four inches. From the sixth on the growth is slower until the sixteenth year—it is only one and a half inches a year. The seventeenth year has a growth of two inches. The eighteenth year has a growth of one inch. At eighteen the average man is five feet eight inches high. Thereafter he grows no more.'—Philadelphia Bulletin.

FIREMEN'S DAY.

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told by Dr. Wells is apropos. A gentleman in discussing the annexation question asked him why he was so much interested in it, seeing that he had been in town but a few years, 'while I was born here.' The doctor answered him by saying: 'The credit belongs to me and not to you. You were born here, and therefore had nothing whatever to do with the question of whether you would or would not come to Bloomfield. I am a resident of Bloomfield by choice. It is very gratifying to me to see much interest taken by the citizens of the town, and while we have worked hard to give you these improvements, the Fire Committee have much to thank the Mayor and the other members of the Council for, as they stood by us nobly, and were of material assistance on many occasions. To-day commences a new era in the life and progress of the town. We have good houses, good equipment, good officers and good firemen; and with all the improvements going on there is every indication of a tax rate lower than last year. We had very good Councils—just as good as we have to-day—but I do not believe we ever had better. This department has had excellent chiefs, but I do not believe it ever had a better one than it has at present. Let us tonight disband all the 'Knocker Clubs,' and tomorrow morning form an unlimited number of 'Get Together Clubs.' Rally around the old town, and we shall have second to none. The Mayor and Council were very much pleased with the splendid appearance of the firemen in the line of parade, and to you all I tender my sincere thanks and best wishes."

Chief Engineer James Y. Nicoll was next introduced, and he thanked the Council and the citizens for what had been done in the interests of the fire department, and he gave assurances that it would be appreciated by the firemen, and that the people would get a good return in the way of increased interest and zeal in fire work on the part of the firemen. The chief congratulated the several fire companies upon the good showing they had made in the inspection and parade, and thanked them for the loyal manner in which they had stood by him in his endeavor to administer the affairs of the department in a manner to meet the approval of the town officials and the people of the town.

Allison Dodd, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee; Charles R. Underwood, W. P. Sutphen, President of the Board of Trade, W. S. S. Rowland, President of the Civic Union, Chief Engineer Smith of Glen Ridge, and Chas. F. Kocher were among the other speakers, and all extended congratulations to the town officials and the firemen, and dwelt more or less upon the confidence reposed in the firemen by the people of the town. Mr. Kocher did not get an opportunity to finish his speech, as an alarm of fire informally dispersed the banquet.

The members of the Citizens' Committee that arranged the banquet were as follows: Allison Dodd, Chairman; Jesse C. Green, Secretary; Harry L. Osborne, Treasurer; George Fisher, Charles W. Chabot, Wm. Biggart, W. S. S. Rowland, James J. Thompson, George A. Kerr, James Y. Nicoll, Chas. R. Underwood, Chas. F. Kocher, William A. Ritscher, Jr., Chas. H. Madole.

While the firemen and their friends were enjoying the banquet in the new fire house a large crowd of people were entertained with a fine display of fireworks, which was another feature of the day's celebration.

EXPENSIVE FLOWERS.

The Tulip Craze in Holland in the Nineteenth Century.

During the tulip craze in Holland in the last century in one year the sales aggregated 10,000,000 florins. Holland went tulip mad. The bulbs were quoted on the Stock Exchange. Ownership in them was divided into shares. Speculators sold them short. At one time more tulips were sold than existed. At Lille a brewer sold his trade and good will in exchange for a bulb, which was thereafter known as the brewery tulip. In Amsterdam a father gave one by way of dower with his child. Thereafter the variety was known as the marriage-of-my-daughter. At Rotterdam a hungry sailor, happening on a few, mistook them for onions and ate them. The repeat became as famous as Cleopatra's pearls and probably exceeded it in cost. At The Hague a poor fellow managed to raise a black tulip. The rumor of that vegetable marvel spread. Presently he was visited by a deputation from a syndicate. For that ewe lamb of his the deputation offered 1,000 florins, which he refused. He was offered 10,000 florins. Still he refused. Cascades of gold were poured before his resisting eyes. Finally, tormented and tempted, he succumbed. There and then the deputation trampled that tulip under their feet. Afterward it appeared that the syndicate had already grown a gem precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had authorized the deputation, if needful, to offer ten times the amount which it paid.

New Subscribers.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company reports the following new subscribers: 1104-J, Geo. Jacobus, 21 Pitt street; 1079-B, Mills & Zelm, 5 Waterloo avenue; 1195-W, Jas. Blair, 41 Hillside avenue, Glen Ridge; 1207-J, Howard Biddulph, 23 Austin place; 1206-L, Wm. A. Pritchard, 125 Midland avenue, Glen Ridge.

Erie Improvements.

The Erie Railroad has made an appropriation of \$1,500,000 which is to be expended in the purchase of tools for the re-equipment of the repair shops along its lines, and for building new round houses, turn-tables, etc.

This is in addition to the very recent appropriations for new motive power. It has also placed an order with the American Locomotive Company for 16 more engines of the Pacific type for exclusive use in hauling passenger trains over those sections of the road where heavy grades militate against fast time. These will be of the same type as the three recently delivered to the company and now in use on the New York Division between Jersey City and Fort Jervis, and one of which attained a speed of 71 miles an hour on her trial trip, dragging a train of ten of the heaviest passenger cars owned by the Erie road. This will put the Erie in first-class condition for the winter service, which is so trying on all railroads.

With so large an addition to the motive power comes the necessity for room to make repairs and the overhauling which every locomotive has to undergo annually. To provide for this work the Erie has appropriated the million and a half referred to for use in the erection and equipment of new machine shops, repair shops and round houses. At present the Erie has 1,461 locomotives to be cared for.

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A Watchful Telephone.
The ringing of a telephone saved \$100 and a diamond ring from being taken from the safe in the Hoagland grocery store in Fort Dodge, Iowa. While one stranger engaged the attention of the clerk in the front of the store another asked to use the telephone. Just as the cash drawer in the safe had been pried open the telephone rang. Upon the appearance of the clerk to answer it the stranger made a hasty exit. All traces of sneak thieves were lost.—Telephone.

Lackawanna Excursion Notes.
Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Oregon, June 1 to October 15, 1905.

On account of the above the Lackawanna Railroad will sell tickets from all stations in New Jersey at the rate of \$74.50 for the round trip, or \$11 higher routed via Los Angeles or San Francisco. Return limit three months.

Denver, Colorado, and return, \$43—account of Epworth League Convention, July 5-9, 1905.

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NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of George E. Tewksbury, deceased, will be audited and settled by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Saturday, the eighth day of July next.
Dated June 1, 1905.
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NOTICE.

The following petition has been received by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield:

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., March 19, 1905.
To the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex:
The undersigned subscribers, being owners of one-sixth of the lands situated within the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, and adjoining the proposed route of the sewer heretofore mentioned and described, do hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to construct a sewer in James street. The improvement desired set forth accurately is as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centre line of James street at the manhole where the centre line of Broad street intersects the centre line of said James street; from thence easterly along said centre line of James street 1,100 feet to the centre line of Spring street, and ending there.

JOHN REED,
JOHN A. MCKENNA,
JOHN BOHNHEIMER,
JOSEPH KUERNER,
FRED PORT,
ANGELO DA RAJA,
BERNHARD MEYER.

The Town Council will meet on Monday, June 5, 1905, at eight P. M., at the Council Chamber in the Bloomfield National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider said petition and to take any action thereon, and to report for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Saturday, the seventh day of June next.
Dated May 10, 1905.
Wm. L. FOSHAG, Town Clerk.

Bloomfield, N. J., May 4, 1905.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscribers, the Executors of the last will and testament of Mary A. Crane, deceased, will be audited and settled by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Saturday, the seventh day of June next.
Dated May 10, 1905.
NANCY C. TAYLOR, FREDERICK ROUSSEAU, Executors.

